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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for October 22 - November 2, 2001

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **State and Local Assistance at the Border** - On October 30, INS Commissioner Ziglar will testify before the House Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations on the use of State and local Law Enforcement personnel at the nation's borders. (D. Burton)

THIS WEEK

- **International Conventions for the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism and Suppression of Terrorist Bombings:** On October 23, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing on these two conventions. Both require implementing legislation which should be transmitted to the Congress shortly. (Daley)
- **Student Visa Tracking System:** On October 24, INS will testify before the House Education Committee on the current status of implementation of a system that will collect and track information on student visa holders. (D. Burton)
- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a hearing for October 25 on the following nominations: Sharee Freeman, to be Director of the Community Relations Service; Harris Hartz, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; John Bates, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; Kurt D. Engelhardt, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; and William Johnson, to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. (Scott-Finan)
- **PATRIOT Act of 2001 (H.R. 2975):** Leaders of the House, Senate and the White House are continuing to negotiate agreements on this legislation through a informal "pre-conference" discussions. The House and Senate are expected to pass the conference report for this bill this week. The tentative agreement is similar in many ways to the Senate passed bill and contains a 4-year sunset provision, a substantial money-laundering provision, and no McDade language. (Bernhardt)

## LAST WEEK

- **Personnel Issues for Law Enforcement Agencies at the Border:** INS Commissioner James Ziglar testified before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Drug Policy on October 17th about hiring and personnel issues for law enforcement agencies, particularly those along the border. (D. Burton)
- **Anti-Terrorism Border Controls:** On October 17, INS Commissioner Ziglar testified before the Senate Immigration Subcommittee on effective immigration controls to assist in preventing terrorism. (D. Burton)
- **Graham-Feinstein (S. 1448):** On October 17, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held a closed hearing on a provision of this bill, which was added to the Senate anti-terrorism bill, that requires a report jointly from the Attorney General, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Secretary of the Treasury, on interagency tracking of financial capabilities and resources of foreign terrorists; a representative from the FBI testified. An FBI representative, along with CIA officials, also provided Members with an update on the investigation into the September 11 bombings and the anthrax incidents. A follow-up hearing is scheduled for October 24. (Walter)
- **Nominations:** The following nominations were approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on October 18: Jay Bybee, to be Assistant Attorney General for Office of Legal Counsel; Laurie Smith Camp, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; Karen Caldwell, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Claire Eagan, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma; and James H. Payne, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Oklahoma. Additionally, the Committee approved the following U.S. Attorney nominees by voice vote: Anna M. S. Wagoner, Middle District of North Carolina; Thomas Gean, Western District of Arkansas; Raymond Gruender, Eastern District of Missouri; Margaret M. Chiara, Western District of Michigan; Robert J. Conrad, Jr., Western District of North Carolina; James M. Greenlee, Northern District of Mississippi; Daniel Bogden, Nevada; Thomas DiBiagio, Maryland; Thomas Johnston, Northern District of West Virginia; Donald Washington, Western District of Louisiana; Patrick Fitzgerald, Northern District of Illinois; John McKay, Western District of Washington; and Karl K. Warner II, Southern District of West Virginia. (Scott-Finan)